

Bomb Thrown At U.S. Envoy

Viet Nam Attack
 Is Laid to Reds

SAIGON, South Viet. Nam, July 8 (AP)—Two men believed to be Viet Cong Communist threw a homemade grenade at United States Ambassador Frederick E. Nolting's car today as he drove home to lunch. It landed on the car roof but failed to explode.

Worried government officials feared the attack as the prelude to a new Communist terrorist campaign aimed at Americans in this capital. Two Americans have been wounded in grenade attacks since April and a number of Vietnamese killed or injured.

Mr. Nolting apparently was unshaken by the attack.

Waited in Ambush

The attackers apparently had waited in ambush on a street corner for Mr. Nolting's car. When it appeared, the grenade, 6 to 8 inches long and 3 or 4 inches in diameter, was thrown at the rear window. But the car was not hit and it landed on the roof.

Mr. Nolting's bodyguard in the rear seat was hit three times in the chest but apparently escaped. They hopped on a motorcycle and escaped.

The Ambassador, a 50-year-old career diplomat whose home is in Chantilly, Va., was appointed to the post in South Viet Nam last February 23.

Just last Tuesday, a United States aid official, Reginald G. Davis, was fired at as he drove away from a radio construction site in Thuduc, about nine miles outside Saigon.

Two Americans Injured

In April, during a violent outbreak of Viet Cong activity in Saigon, three grenade attacks were made on Americans. Two of them, M/Sergt. Carl J. Cox, 34, of Salem, Oreg., and Howard C. Thomas, 47, an aid official from Fort Myers, Fla., were injured.

Shortly after these attacks, President Ngo Dinh Diem's government opened a sweeping campaign against Communist terrorists in outlying provinces. Today, the government claimed two victories in the last week.

Government troops killed 50 rebels Tuesday in the underground refuge of My An, 42 miles west of Saigon, officials said and killed 11 Sunday in another province, about 65 miles from Saigon. Government casualties were reported.



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